THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE COMBUSTION APPARATUS Application of: KIMIAKI ASANO ET AL Art Unit 3749 Ser. No.: 10/650,660 Examiner A. Basichas Filed: 8/28/03 **AMENDMENT "A"** Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Responsive to the Office Action dated August 12, 2004, please amend the abovejdentified application as indicated below.

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